

## **REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 are pending in the present application. Claims 6-16 were allowed. Claims 1-3 and 5 were rejected. Claim 4 was objected to.

Claim 1 is amended herein and claim 4 is herein canceled.

### ***Rejections under 35 USC 102(e)***

In the 10/05/2005 Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 and 5 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Treharne (USPN 6,501,369). The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection of the claims.

Treharne does not disclose a "workstation is operable to electronically receive and record digital data indicative of characteristics of the at least one work vehicle from a first vehicle master key, and to subsequently enroll the at least one work vehicle into the fleet" as recited in claim 1.

For at least this reason claim 1 (and claims 2-3 and 5, as dependent thereon) are allowable over the prior art.

### ***Objection to Claim 4***

Claim 4 was objected to but deemed allowable if rewritten in independent form. Rather than rewriting claim 4 in independent form, the Applicants have rewritten claim 1 to include all the limitations of claim 4. Claim 1 therefore has the identical scope to claim 4 in independent form and is allowable.

### ***Support for the Amendments***

Support for the amendments to claim 1 can be found in claim 4 as originally filed (which is now canceled).

### ***Conclusions***

All the claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance, early notification of which is greatly appreciated. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned if an interview would advance the prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,

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